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Army Paper Starts New Power Row

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WASHINGTON — Revelation of an Army publication which goes in direct opposition to intelligence announcements threatens to kick off another congressional furor over estimates of Soviet strength, it was learned today.

The document, "Front-Line Intelligence," published by the Infantry Journal Press, states that one of the fundamentals of proper intelligence procedures is that "commanders must be certain that they base their action, dispositions and plans upon estimates of the enemy's capabilities rather than upon estimates of the enemy's intentions."

The "capabilities versus intentions" methods of judging the strength of Russia has kicked up a violent rumpus in the Senate. Critics of the nation's defense posture scored CIA director Allen Dulles basing his estimate on what Russia might do rather than what it was capable of doing. Dulles maintained the CIA always reckoned on any enemy's intent when making estimates.

Sen. Magnuson (D., Wash.), a frequent critic of the CIA, said "If the Army is supposed to make its estimates on capabilities it is even more important for the nation to do it the same way."

MAGNUSON, a member of the Senate Preparedness subcommittee, who listened to Dulles in closed session yesterday, said national weapons of mass destruction in both the United States and Russia made it all the more imperative that the calculated risk margin be the smallest possible.

Countries who have depended on the good intentions of another country have been wrecked, he said.